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Classified By: Ambassador Richard H. Jones. Reasons: 1.4 (b)(d).

11. (S/NF) On May 24, Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to MFA Director General Aharon Abramovitch, stressing the following points:

- President Bush has authorized Ambassador Crocker to meet with his Iranian counterpart to discuss Iraq.
- The USG believes that Iran's participation in the March 10 Iraq Neighbors Conference was a signal that it is willing to engage more seriously on Iraq's security.
- The meeting is being held at the request of the Iraqi government, but Ambassador Crocker will not be speaking for the Iraqi government.
- The U.S. relies on UNSCR 1546 as the legal basis for Ambassador Crocker's meeting with his Iranian counterpart.
- The Iran nuclear weapons issue will continue to be handled within the framework of the P-5 plus one, and other issues with Iran will only be discussed after it accepts the P-5 plus one's conditions. Nothing has changed concerning U.S. engagement with Iran.
- The U.S. is also informing the Gulf States, Jordan and Egypt of the May 28 meeting, and will inform Baghdad of the results.

12. (S/NF) Abramovitch thanked the Ambassador for the information but offered no response.

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